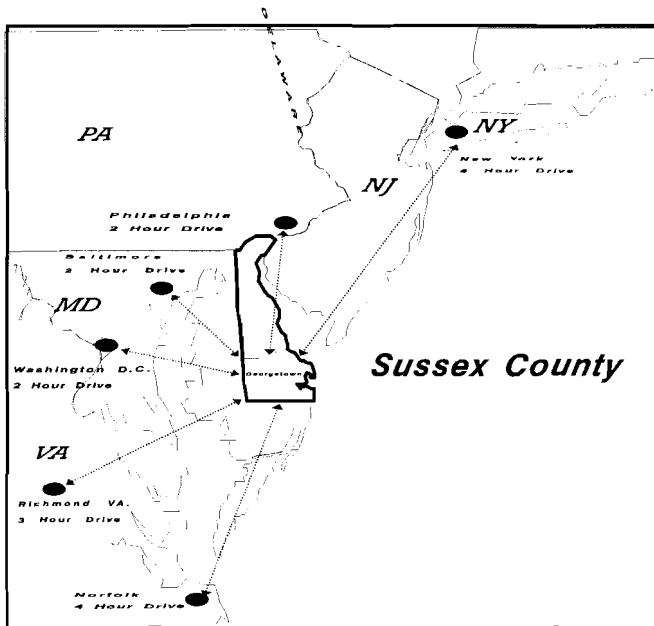


# SUSSEX COUNTY

2009

DELAWARE

Community  
Data



The State of Delaware is composed of three counties, Sussex, Kent, and New Castle. The Southernmost county is Sussex. Sussex County is bordered on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the north by Kent County, and on the south and west by the portion of the State of Maryland east of the Chesapeake Bay. The town of Georgetown, the county seat, is situated in the center of the county. Most of the county's land area is flat terrain consisting of unconsolidated sediments of the Coastal Plain. Elevations in the county average from 40 to 50 feet above sea level.

## 1. POPULATION

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2007(est)</u>
Delaware	594,338	666,168	783,600	864,764
Sussex Co.	98,004	113,229	156,638	184,291
Bethany Beach	330	326	903	952
Bridgeville	1,238	1,210	1,436	1,606
Delmar	948	962	1,407	1,505
Georgetown	1,710	3,732	4,643	5,157
Laurel	3,052	3,226	3,668	3,867
Lewes	2,197	2,295	2,932	3,081
Milford	5,366	6,040	6,732	8,288
Millsboro	1,233	1,643	2,360	2,539
Milton	1,359	1,417	1,657	1,811
Rehoboth	1,730	1,234	1,495	1,568
Seaford	5,256	5,689	6,699	7,185
Selbyville	1,251	1,335	1,645	1,768

Source: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2025</u>
Delaware	896,880	934,924	986,296	1,023,707
Sussex Co.	197,313	217,802	237,278	255,674

Source: [www.state.de.us/planning](http://www.state.de.us/planning)

## 2. COUNTY GROWTH, 1990-2000

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	Change, 1990-2000	
			<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Sussex County	113,229	156,638	43,409	38.34%
Kent County	110,993	126,697	15,704	14.15%
New Castle	441,946	500,265	58,319	13.20%
Delaware	666,168	783,600	117,432	17.63%

Source: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## 3. LABOR ANALYSIS

	<u>Oct 2007</u>	<u>Oct 2008</u>
Labor Force	91,160	92,177
Employed	88,388	87,107
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	5.5%
Statewide	3.4%	5.4%
United States	4.7%	6.5%

Source: [www.delawareworks.com](http://www.delawareworks.com)

#### 4. COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The County Government was established on July 23, 1970, and replaced the Levy Court Commission with a Council-Administrator form of government. The powers and duties of the government are set forth in Chapter 70, Title 9 of the Delaware Code. The government is composed of a legislative body, the County Council, an administrative body, including 13 operating departments, and 5 row offices. The Council, which has all legislative powers, is headed by a President who is annually elected.

All of the towns and cities are independent, incorporated municipalities, each with their own powers of taxation.

#### COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICES

The Sussex County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update was adopted 6/24/08. (Individual Town Land Use Plans may be available.)

Boards: Planning & Zoning Board  
Board of Adjustment  
Library Advisory Board  
Board of Adjustment (Building Code)  
Board of Assessment & Review

Fire Protection 21 Volunteer Fire Companies  
Police Protection 3 State Police Units, 151 FT  
19 Local Police Units, 162 FT  
Ambulance Service 21 Ambulance Squads, 8 Paramedic  
Units, 2 Paramedic Supervisor  
Units; 99 Paramedics, includes 8  
Supervisors  
Industrial Park County owned and operated;  
145 acre industrial park next  
to Sussex County Airport.  
Libraries 14 Public Libraries  
& Bookmobile

#### 5. TRANSPORTATION

Public Transportation..Delaware Transit Corp.  
Major Highways.....Rt. 13, Rt. 113, Rt. 1  
Railroads.....Norfolk-Southern, Shortlines  
Motor Freight.....Roadway, Yellow, H.O. Kline,  
Consolidated, TNT Red Star,  
Mills Transportation, D&B  
Transportation, Reed Truck,  
Reed Transportation, CCX  
Water.....Nanticoke & Mispillion Rivers  
Air.....Sussex County Airport  
(5000 Ft. paved runway)  
Laurel Airport

#### 6. CLIMATE

Annual Average	Monthly	Average
Temperature	55	34(Jan) 78 (Jul)
Rainfall		42.13"
Snowfall		12.3"
Prevailing Winds		S.W./S.E.
Land Area Size:		950 sq. miles
Total Acres:		605,440
Population Density:		167 per sq. mile
Elevation		45' +/-

#### 7. PERMITS

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Residential	\$285,787,884.00	\$179,304,471.00
Comm/Ind	\$ 59,037,629.00	\$ 69,825,921.00
Man. Homes	\$ 18,861,431.00	\$ 14,272,330.00
Multi-family	\$ 59,069,904.00	\$ 47,271,571.00
# Permits	9,774	7,884

(dollar amounts are estimated value)

Source: Sussex County Planning & Zoning Dept.

#### 8. TAXES

**State Taxes:** Delaware has reduced its personal income taxes at all income levels. The State has never had a general sales tax or an inventory tax. There are no State real property taxes, and the local real property taxes are very low. The total State and local tax burden in Delaware is competitive with most other states.

**County Taxes:** Appraisal at 100% (1974 M.V.), assessed at 50% of 1974 Market Value. The County Tax rate for the year is 44.5 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. This is nineteenth year that the rate has been 44.5 cents. This tax includes the County's cost for General Obligation Bonds, Libraries, Paramedics, and the general operation of the County Government.

**City & Town Taxes:** Municipal governments and school districts are financed in part through real property tax receipts. Real estate in incorporated areas is subject to municipal property taxes, school district property taxes, and vocational school taxes. The total property tax burden depends on the tax rate, the property assessment, and the assessment ratio.

## 9. CENSUS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2007(Est)</u>
Median Household Income	\$ 39,371	\$ 50,976
Per Capita Income	\$ 20,328	\$ 26,162
Total Housing Units	93,070	114,540
Median Home Value	\$122,400	\$232,200
Median Rent	\$ 507.00	\$ 814.00
Median Age	41.1	41.8

\*Source: [www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov)

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### Delaware Population Consortium

#### Population Projection Series

October 31, 2008

#### Sussex County Total Population—(As of July 1)

	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population	157463	176189	197313	217802	237278	255674	272313
Households	62937	72371	81016	88917	96535	103613	109260
Population Change*	18726	21124	20489	19476	18396	16639	
Births*	9780	12350	13673	14420	15148	16690	
Deaths*	9054	9405	11653	13948	16100	18198	
Net Migration*	18000	18179	18469	19004	19348	18147	
Household Change*	9434	8645	7901	7618	7078	5647	
Total Labor Force	80209	90235	86146	91015	96013	101638	107853
Civilian	80045	90071	85982	90851	95849	101474	107689
Employed	77297	86869	82543	87217	92015	97415	103381
Private	59800	67205	63858	67475	71186	75364	79979
Government	11138	12517	11894	12567	13259	14037	14897
Self-Employed	6201	6969	6622	6997	7382	7815	8294
Unpaid Family	158	178	169	178	188	199	211
Unemployed	2748	3202	3439	3634	3834	4059	4308
Military	164	164	164	164	164	164	164
Jobs by Place of Work	67541	75905	72125	76209	80401	85119	90333
Jobs by Residence	74978	84263	80066	84601	89254	94492	100279
Net Commuting	-7437	-8358	-7941	-8392	-8853	-9373	-9946

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\*Represents a five-year total  
Source: [www.cadsr.udel.edu](http://www.cadsr.udel.edu)

# SUSSEX COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES, 2008-2009

## County:

Tax Rate/\$100	Assessment	County Capitation	School Capitation	Date of Last Assessment
0.3983	Ratio	Tax	Tax	
\$0.3983	50%	\$3.00	see footnotes	1974

## Incorporated Areas:

School District/City	County Rate	School Rate	City Rate	Library Rate	Vo-Tech Rate	Total tax rate Per \$100 Assessment
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### Cape Henlopen

Dewey Beach***	0.3983	\$2.877	\$0.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.9700
Henlopen Acres	0.3983	\$2.877	\$2.17	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.7400
Lewes***	0.3983	\$2.877	\$0.39	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.9600
Milton***	0.3983	\$2.877	\$0.41	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.9800
Rehoboth Beach***	0.3983	\$2.877	\$1.55	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.1200

### Delmar

Delmar	0.3983	\$3.150	\$0.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$4.2430
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### Indian River

Bethany Beach***	0.3983	\$2.475	\$0.16	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.3280
Dagsboro***	0.3983	\$2.475	\$0.38	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.5480
Fenwick Island	0.3983	\$2.475	\$1.92	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.0880
Frankford	0.3983	\$2.475	\$2.05	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.2180
Georgetown	0.3983	\$2.475	\$2.53	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.6980
Millsboro***	0.3983	\$2.475	\$0.51	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.6780
Millville	0.3983	\$2.475	\$0.50	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.6680
Ocean View ***	0.3983	\$2.475	\$0.0981	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.2661
Selbyville	0.3983	\$2.475	\$1.85	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.0180
South Bethany	0.3983	\$2.475	\$0.65	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.8180

### Laurel

Bethel	0.3983	\$2.390	\$0.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$3.4830
Laurel***	0.3983	\$2.390	\$1.91	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$4.9930

### Milford

Ellendale	0.3983	\$3.5803	\$1.00	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.2733
Milford***	0.3983	\$3.5803	\$0.46	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$4.7333
Slaughter Beach***	0.3983	\$3.5803	\$0.50	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$4.7733

### Seaford

Blades***	0.3983	\$3.230	\$1.40	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.3230
Seaford***	0.3983	\$3.230	\$0.265	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$4.1880

### Woodbridge

Bridgeville	0.3983	\$3.295	\$1.73	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.7180
Greenwood	0.3983	\$3.295	\$1.70	\$0.0467	\$0.2480	\$5.6880

## Unincorporated Areas:

School District	County Rate	School Rate	Vo-Tech Rate	Library Rate	Total tax rate Per \$100 Assessment
Cape Henlopen	0.3983	\$2.877	\$0.2480	\$0.0467	\$3.5700
Delmar	0.3983	\$3.150	\$0.2480	\$0.0467	\$3.8430
Indian River	0.3983	\$2.475	\$0.2480	\$0.0467	\$3.1680
Laurel	0.3983	\$2.390	\$0.2480	\$0.0467	\$3.0830
Milford	0.3983	\$3.5803	\$0.2480	\$0.0467	\$4.2733
Seaford	0.3983	\$3.230	\$0.2480	\$0.0467	\$3.9230
Woodbridge	0.3983	\$3.295	\$0.2480	\$0.0467	\$3.9880

\*\*\* SEE FOOTNOTES AT END OF REPORT.

Unless otherwise noted in the footnotes section, Sussex County taxes property at 50% of the 1974 appraised value.

## 10. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Artisans' Bank	\$ 596,298,000
Bank of Delmarva	382,240,000
Community Bank Delaware	61,087,000
County Bank	355,500,000
Delaware National Bank	488,195,000
Discover Bank	32,935,658,000
M & T Bank (Allfirst)	15,696,000
PNC Bank, Delaware	3,121,711,000
RBS Citizens NA	1,422,457,000
Calvin B. Taylor Bank	3,636,000
Wachovia	4,940,162,000
Wilmington Trust Company	10,694,532,000

Source: State Bank Commissioner 9/30/08

## 11. TRAFFIC COUNTS

<u>ROAD</u>	<u>ROAD</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
		<u>AADT</u>	<u>AADT</u>
DE 1 & Rt. 9		44,033	44,869
DE 1 & Rt. 16		24,040	24,496
DE 1 & Rt. 24		60,255	61,399
DE 1 & MD. Line		11,131	11,342
DE 13 & Rt. 16		24,098	24,507
DE 13 & Rt. 20		34,123	33,269
DE 13 & Rd. 64		25,942	26,383
DE 13 & Rt. 404		25,603	26,038
DE 24 & Rt. 5&22		19,553	19,924
DE 113 & Rt. 18		20,351	20,696
DE 113 & MD. Line		12,044	12,248

Source: D.O.T. Bureau of Traffic, 2007, [www.deldot.gov](http://www.deldot.gov)

## 12. MEDICAL

Bayhealth Medical Center  
21 West Clarke Street  
Milford, DE 19963  
302-422-3311  
[www.bayhealth.org](http://www.bayhealth.org)

Beebe Medical Center  
424 Savannah Road  
Lewes, DE 19958  
302-645-3300  
[www.beebemed.org](http://www.beebemed.org)

Nanticoke Health Service  
801 Middleford Road  
Seaford, DE 19973  
[www.nanticoke.org](http://www.nanticoke.org)  
302-629-6611

## 13. TOP EMPLOYERS

(alpha listing of employers)

Allen's Family Foods [www.allenfamilyfoods.com](http://www.allenfamilyfoods.com)  
Allen's Hatchery, Inc. [www.allenfamilyfoods.com](http://www.allenfamilyfoods.com)  
Bayhealth Medical Center [www.bayhealth.org](http://www.bayhealth.org)  
Beebe Medical Center [www.beebemed.org](http://www.beebemed.org)  
Delaware Electric Co-op, Inc. [www.delect.com](http://www.delect.com)  
Del.Tech.&Comm. College [www.dtcc.edu/owens](http://www.dtcc.edu/owens)  
Delmarva Power [www.delmarva.com](http://www.delmarva.com)  
Dentsply Caulk [www.caulk.com](http://www.caulk.com)  
Eastern Shore Poultry  
Grotto Pizza, Inc. [www.grotopizza.com](http://www.grotopizza.com)  
Indian River School District [www.irsd.net](http://www.irsd.net)  
Intervet Schering-Plough [www.intervetusa.com](http://www.intervetusa.com)  
M & T Bank [www.mandtbank.com](http://www.mandtbank.com)  
Mountaire of Delaware [www.mountaire.com](http://www.mountaire.com)  
Nanticoke Health Services [www.nanticoke.org](http://www.nanticoke.org)  
PATs Aircraft LLC [www.decreaneaerospace.com](http://www.decreaneaerospace.com)  
Perdue, Inc. [www.perdue.com](http://www.perdue.com)  
Pinnacle Foods Corp [www.pinnaclefoodscorp.com](http://www.pinnaclefoodscorp.com)  
State of Delaware [www.delaware.gov](http://www.delaware.gov)  
Sussex County Council [www.sussexcountytde.gov](http://www.sussexcountytde.gov)  
WalMart, Inc. [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com)  
Wilmington Trust Co [www.wilmingtontrust.com](http://www.wilmingtontrust.com)

## 14. UTILITIES & SERVICES

Electricity:

Delaware Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Delmarva Power

Natural Gas:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

Water/Sewer:

Capacities vary according to town  
county service areas

Solid Waste Disposal:

Delaware Solid Waste Authority

Telephone:

Comcast  
Verizon

Cable:

Comcast Cablevision  
MediaCom

## 15. EDUCATION

<i>8 Public School Districts</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
Cape Henlopen School	4,519
Delmar School	1,158
Indian River School	8,485
Laurel School	2,092
Milford School	4,109
Seaford School	3,392
Sussex Tech School	1,251
Woodbridge School	2,032

### CHARTER SCHOOLS

Sussex Academy of Arts & Sciences	323
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Source: Dept of Education, 2008, [www.doe.k12.de.us](http://www.doe.k12.de.us)

### OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Delaware Technical & Community College  
Delaware State University  
University of Delaware  
College of Marine Studies, U of D  
Wilmington College

## 16. INDUSTRIAL PARKS (Public)

Sussex County Industrial Airpark  
Georgetown, Delaware 19947  
302-855-7770

Seaford Industrial Park  
Seaford, Delaware 19973  
302-629-9173

Selbyville Industrial Park  
Selbyville, Delaware 19975  
302-436-8314

## 17. OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES

### Government

County: [www.sussexcountytde.gov](http://www.sussexcountytde.gov)  
State: [www.delaware.gov](http://www.delaware.gov)  
[www.delawaresbdc.org](http://www.delawaresbdc.org)

### Tourism

County: [www.visitsouthernndelaware.com](http://www.visitsouthernndelaware.com)  
State: [www.visitdelaware.com](http://www.visitdelaware.com)

Libraries: [www.state.lib.de.us](http://www.state.lib.de.us)

## 18. CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Bethany/Fenwick Chamber	(302) 539-2100
Delmar Chamber	(302) 846-3336
Georgetown Chamber	(302) 856-1544
Laurel Chamber	(302) 875-9319
Lewes Chamber	(302) 645-8073
Milford Chamber	(302) 422-3344
Millsboro Chamber	(302) 934-6777
Milton Chamber	(302) 684-1101
Rehoboth/Dewey Chamber	(302) 227-2233
Seaford Chamber	(302) 629-9690
Selbyville Chamber	(302) 436-5526
State Tourism Office	(800) 441-8846
Sussex County Tourism	(302) 856-1818

## 19. FOR MORE INFORMATION

Business Development, Commercial  
Development, Relocation Packages,  
Tourism, and Demographics,  
please contact:

**SUSSEX COUNTY**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**PO BOX 589**  
**GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE 19947**

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HOME PAGE: <http://www.sussexcountytde.gov>

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